

be needed to include the lighthouse tract within the national seashore boundary.)

Pursue the transfer of an approximately 90-acre tract of land east of the lighthouse tract and owned by the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission in order to unify management of this island segment. (A legislative amendment to P.L. 88-587 will be necessary to include this tract within the national seashore boundary. If transfer is not possible, the Park Service will cooperate with the state to ensure compatible day-use recreation on federal and state lands.)

Seek a legislative amendment to transfer one of two alternative sites at Heckscher State Park for a secondary ferry terminal that would replace the existing Sayville operation.

H. Cooperative Management Agreements

Develop cooperative agreements with Suffolk County and the towns of Brookhaven and Islip for management of Great South Bay islands that are within the seashore boundary to ensure the protection and preservation of natural features, including flora and fauna. (This includes Hospital, John Boyle, Pelican, Ridge, and Sexton Islands, and seven small islands north of Old Inlet. See figure 13.)

I. Proposals Requiring Legislation Before Implementation

1. Proposed Land Acquisitions Requiring Legislative Boundary Changes

The National Park Service proposes to acquire certain additional lands outside the present boundary that are needed to fulfill the national seashore's management objectives. These acquisitions will require the enactment of legislation.

Acquisition of up to 31 acres on the south shore of mainland Long Island is recommended for the purpose of establishing two staging areas for the national seashore. Sites for two of the staging areas have been identified in the northwestern corner of Heckscher State Park (two alternative sites), and on the northeast side of the Patchogue River in Patchogue.

Another adjustment in the park boundary is recommended to allow for acquisition of the 90-acre lighthouse tract and the section of New York State land (approximately 90 acres) lying east of the lighthouse tract. The lighthouse tract would be acquired through federal

surplus property proceedings. New York State land would have to be transferred by the state.

2. Transfer of Communities to the Seashore District Following Catastrophic Storms

A legislative amendment will also be required to provide for the transfer of existing communities from the development district to the seashore district following a catastrophic storm.

3. Transfer of Land from the Seashore District to the Development District

The entire 36-acre residential Ocean Ridge section of the community of Davis Park and the adjacent 5 acres of Davis Park lying immediately west of the eastern boundary of Leja Beach are now included within the seashore district of the national seashore, as defined in zoning standards promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior. The area contains about 115 improved properties and three unimproved properties. It was inadvertently included in an 8-mile-long zone in which the Secretary was empowered to condemn and acquire existing properties. The area is not essential for management of the seashore district. Further, it is closely tied to the exempted community of Davis Park, and should be subject to the same degree of federal involvement in its development. Legislation will therefore be requested in order to transfer this 41-acre tract from the seashore district to the development district of Fire Island National Seashore.

Transfer four parcels of already developed property along the western boundary of Water Island bounded on the west by Charach Walk (see figure 2, segment 4).

4. Additional Funding for Plan Implementation

A legislative amendment will be required to provide additional funds for land acquisition, management, and development, as recommended in this plan.

J. Interrelationships With Other Projects

1. Other Federally Administered Barrier Islands

The barrier islands of the eastern United States provide a topographic continuum for observing the ecological transition from the cold temperate climate of northern New England to the subtropical climate of Florida and the Gulf of Mexico. As one of the longest chains of major barrier islands in the world, this dynamic system is of global importance. About 21 percent of the total